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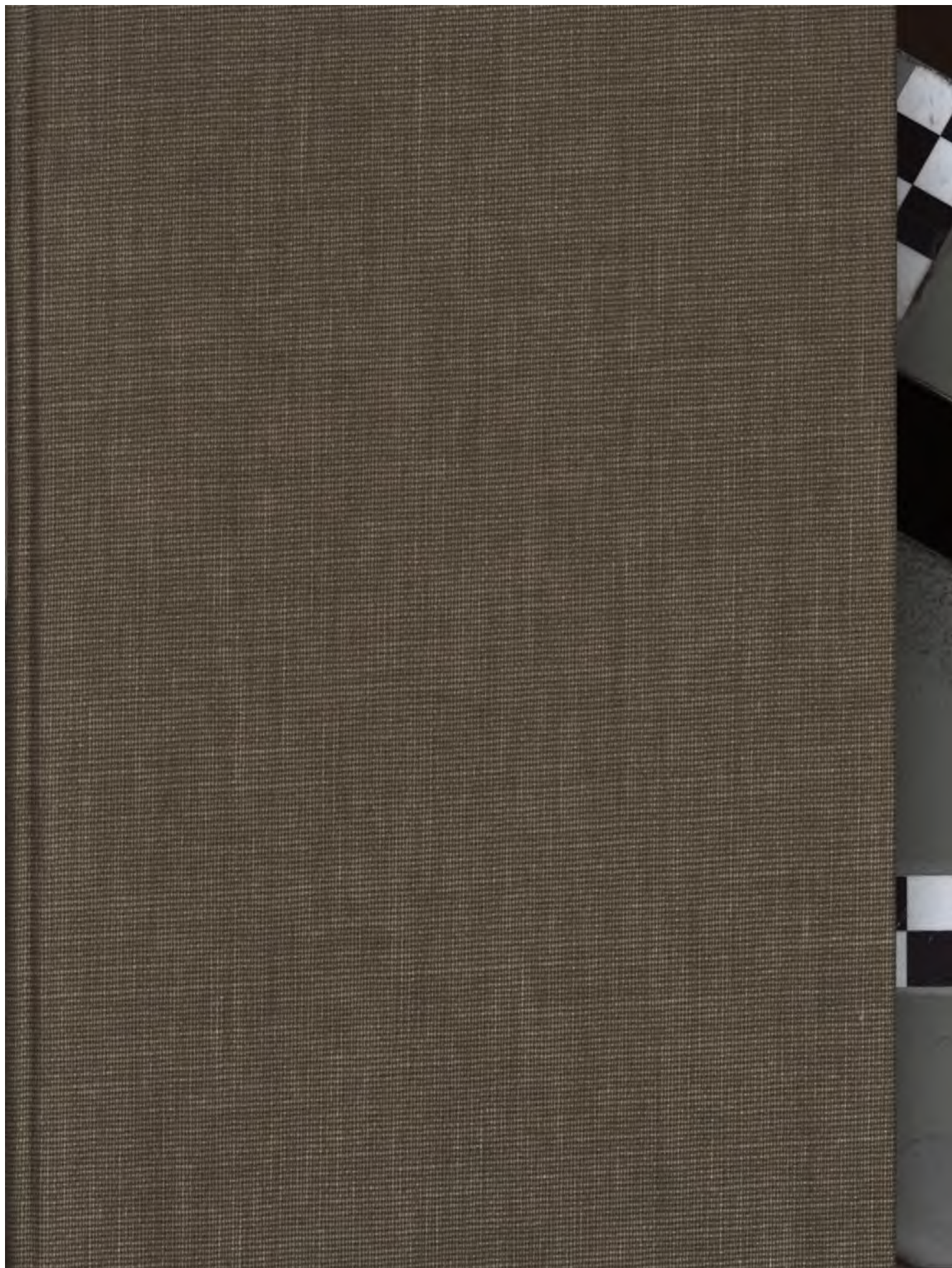
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AN AFTER-THOUGHT.

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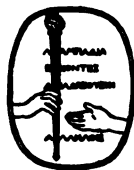
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## FOREWORD

It was in March, 1817, that James Harper and his younger brother John, both practical printers, began business for themselves in a little room on Dover Street, New York City. It was in August, 1817, that they printed "Seneca's Morals," in an edition of two thousand copies, for the elder Duyckinck. The title-page of the first book to bear the Harper imprint is reproduced in this volume, while the entire book has been reprinted with various reproductions in a beautiful limited edition, a feature of the Harper Centennial year. James and John Harper were the first members of the firm. The two younger brothers, Joseph Wesley and Fletcher, worked as compositors upon the book. The former became a member of the firm in 1823, the latter in 1825, but the title of the firm continued to be J. & J. Harper until 1833, when it was changed to Harper & Brothers.

Before this change, the increasing business of the young firm had made larger quarters necessary, and in 1825 these were found on Cliff Street, on a site included in the Harper holdings ever since. The subsequent development of a great business is a part of national history. An intimate record is to be found in Mr. J. Henry Harper's book, "The House of Harper," which amplifies outstanding events like the birth of Harper's Magazine in June, 1850, and the destruction of the entire Harper plant by fire in December, 1853, which was promptly followed by the erection of the present buildings, the first important example of "fireproof construction" in New York.

The century of literary achievement which the House of Harper represents began with Seneca

and closes with the President of the United States. The Directors of Harper & Brothers count it a happy omen that the new Documentary Edition of President Wilson's "History of the American People" should signalize the close of the first century of the House and the beginning of the second.

There is an obvious temptation to dwell upon other significant undertakings and to emphasize the development of the Harper list, which has increased until the Centennial year has witnessed a production of books far in excess of any previous record in the history of the House. But the purpose of this foreword is to express in definite form a deep and lasting appreciation of the greetings and cordial messages which have come from authors and publishers and readers and the press on the announcement of the Harper Centennial.

It has not been possible to collect and publish all these messages, which have ranged from spoken words and telegrams to eloquent verse, but the selections which appear in this volume show abundant reasons for the gratitude and sense of responsibility with which the House of Harper enters upon its second century. To those whose felicitations for past and present and new assurances for the future have been so inspiring a feature of this Centennial, the Directors of Harper & Brothers offer their grateful acknowledgments and their pledge of larger achievements in time to come.



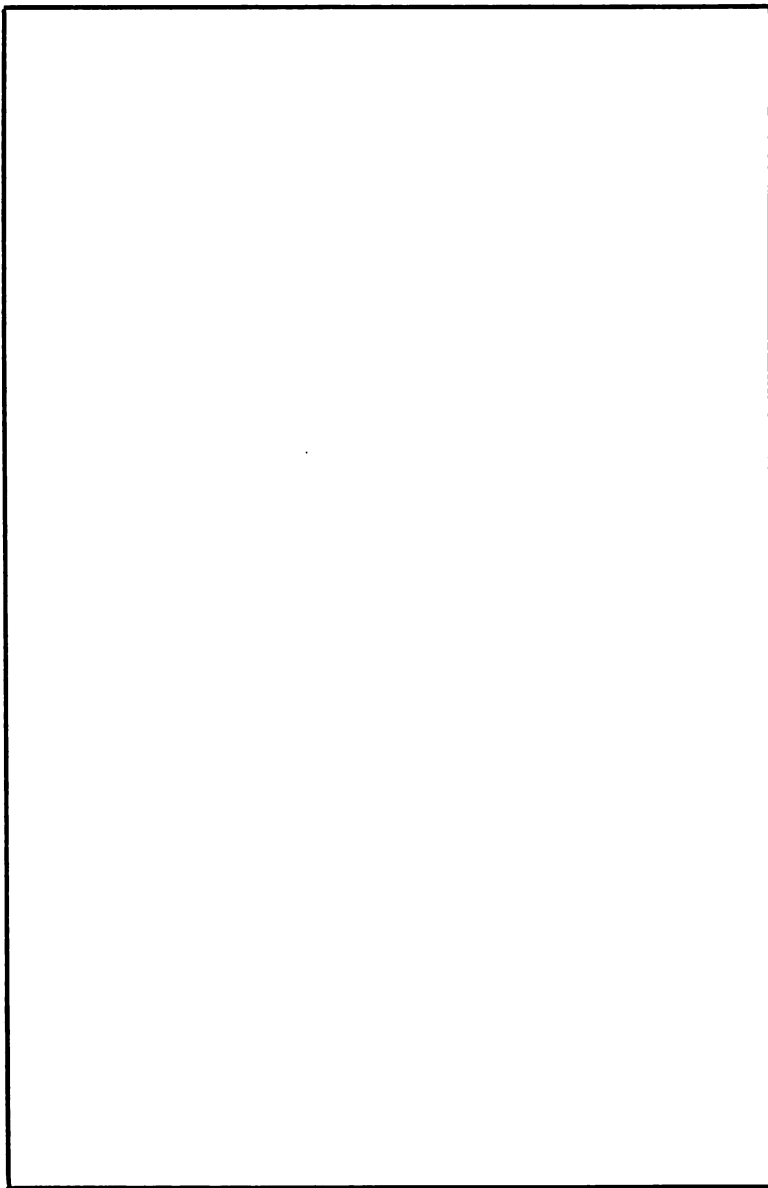
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**Letters from**

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**The Governor of the State of New York**

**The Mayor of the City of New York**



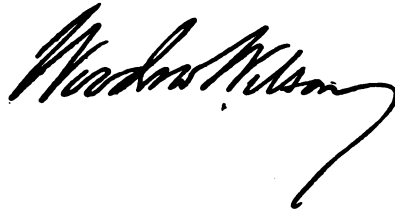
**THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON**

20 November, 1917

**My dear Sirs:**

May I not convey to you my warm congratulations on your centennial anniversary and an expression of my sincere hope that for another hundred years the honorable traditions of the house may be maintained, to the benefit alike of those who read and of those who write?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Woodrow Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Woodrow Wilson".

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

November 23, 1917

Gentlemen:

Permit me to extend to Messrs. Harper & Brothers my congratulations and cordial greetings on the occasion of their centennial anniversary.

It is of particular interest to me to realize that the house of Harper has served the cause of literature in this State for one hundred years in an association with the leading writers of three generations—an association which has never been more productive than to-day.

Cordially yours,



**CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**December 14, 1917**

**Gentlemen:**

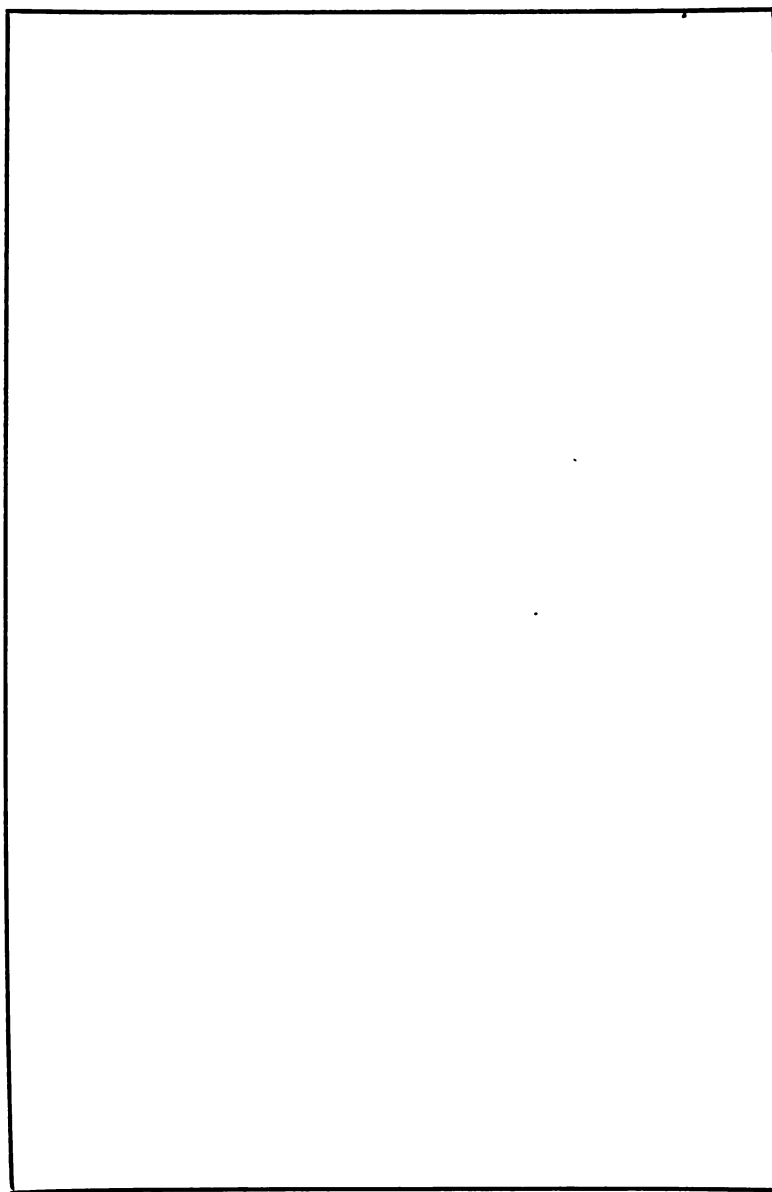
I am very happy to congratulate Harper & Brothers on having reached the one hundred year mark. The record of your institution is a credit, not only to the City of New York, but to the nation. You set an admirable standard on the day your house was founded for high ideals and the diffusion among our people of the best in English literature.

I most earnestly hope that success may continue to attend the course of Harper & Brothers.

**Very sincerely yours,**

**JOHN PURROY MITCHEL**  
Mayor

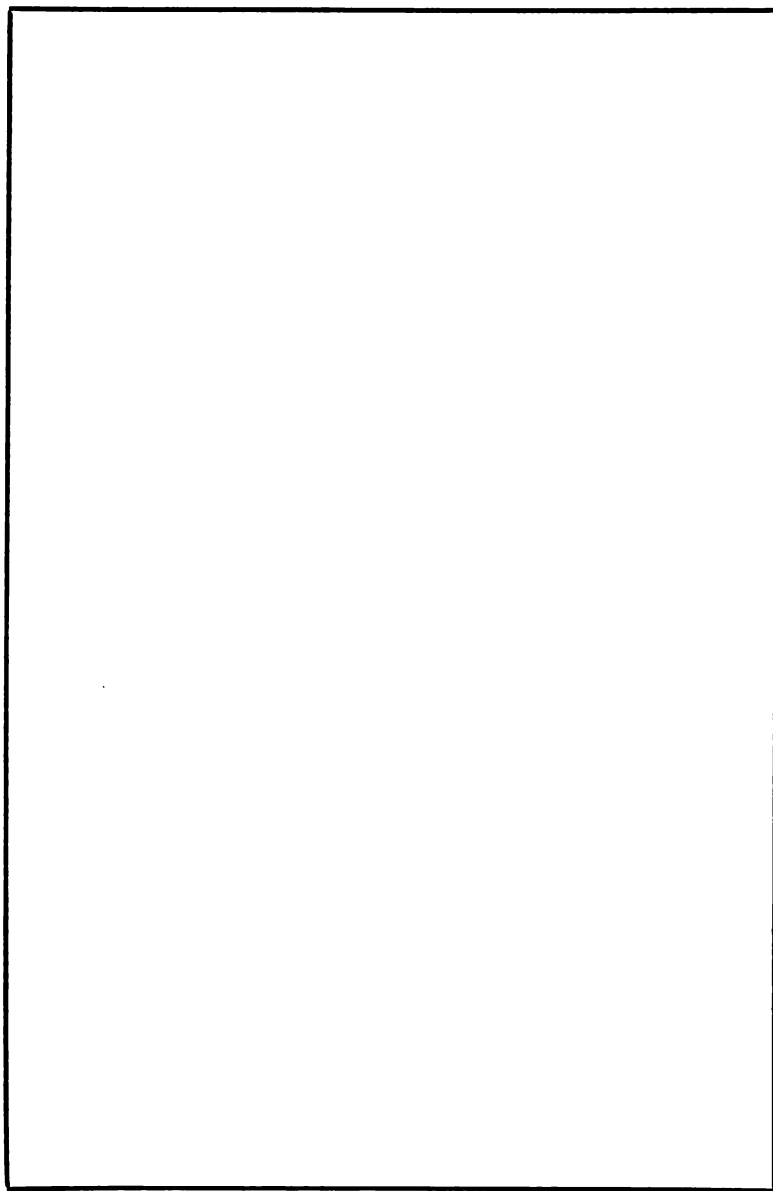
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New York City**



## **PART II**

### **Letters from Authors**





New York,

1917

**Dear Messrs. Harper & Brothers:**

To one who has only reached his eightieth birthday, the occurrence of your hundredth anniversary seems an event of world importance even in a time when the world seems gone mad. Your great and honored name still stands for sanity and hope; that torch of yours which shines from such an infinity of title-pages still passes from hand to hand, and will remain aglow when the fires of Death now lighting the innumerable battle-fields of yonder sad old world are extinguished in blood. I congratulate you on this beginning of your immortality, and may we, your brotherly band of authors, find you publishing our books a hundred, a thousand, years from now.

Yours sincerely,

W. D. HOWELLS

**AVALON,  
PRINCETON, N. J.**

**November 30, 1917**

**Gentlemen:**

There is good reason for rejoicing and congratulation in the fact that the House of Harpers has lived and flourished for one hundred years in these United States.

It is not merely the longevity that counts. Methuselah has always seemed to me one of the least interesting of the patriarchs, because his fame rests merely upon the number of his years, and so far as I can see, he did nothing in his life that is worth remembering. But the House of Harpers has not only lived long. It has filled a whole century with useful and honorable work. It has made a fine record of friendship with American authors and fair dealing with British authors in those old days of literary piracy when equitable conduct was not the rule. Other congratulants will doubtless make mention of the famous publications and enterprises of the House. This list will be the proof and justification of the general feeling which is shared by all thoughtful people, that the Harpers have rendered a great and inestimable service both to the writers and to the readers of our country.

My own first connection with the House was in 1879, when I went out, with the encouragement of Mr. Alden, to what was then the Far West, to see and to write up the big wheat farms on the Red River Valley in Dakota and Manitoba. Incidentally I went beyond that for a hunting trip in the Bad Lands on the Little Missouri River. The farms were written up in an article for the Magazine, but the story of the hunting trip has never been told.

This article in Harper's was my first contribution to any magazine. Since that time a great deal of my work has gone through Mr. Alden's hands to the printer. The House of Harpers has launched four books of mine. Among these "The Story of the Other Wise Man" is the one which has had the most interesting adventures. Always I have found the House most fair, considerate, and generous in its dealings. Therefore I mingle gratitude with gratulations on this centennial occasion.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

HENRY VAN DYKE

Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York City.

**MAX GATE**  
**DORCHESTER**

**May 29th, 1917**

Mr. Thomas Hardy has received with pleasure the Messrs. Harpers' card reminding him of the completion of their centenary as publishers. Although aware that they had handed on the torch for a good many decades it had not struck him that the period could be so long as it proves to be. He quite reciprocates their good wishes, and hopes that another such century of productivity will fall to their lot, and that they will be essentially unaffected by the shade of war now thrown over both continents.

Metuchen, N. J.

May 14th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers

Gentlemen:

I thank you most warmly for your greeting upon entering the Centennial Year of the House of Harper & Brothers. Please accept my greeting in return, and allow me to express my deep appreciation of your kindness and hospitality to me ever since my first story, "Two Old Lovers," timidly approached Miss Mary L. Booth in the Bazar office to be welcomed warmly, and invited to stay.

I feel privileged in regarding you as my publishers, and honored to be considered one of your authors.

With very best wishes for your welfare and prosperity,

MARY E. WILKINS FREEMAN

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

**PRESIDENT'S ROOM**

May 10, 1917

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.**

Gentlemen:

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the greetings of your house on the occasion of its entering its centennial year.

It is my good fortune to have a peculiarly warm feeling of interest for the house of Harper, because as is recorded in the Memoirs of my Grandfather, Rev. Dr. Nicholas Murray, published by the house more than fifty years ago, his first employment on coming to America was with the newly established firm of Harper & Brothers. He was privileged to be taken into the family of one of the brothers who founded the firm, and through the relationship so established maintained, until his death in 1861, a very close intimacy with the house and its members.

With every good wish for the century that is now about to open, I am,

Faithfully yours,

**NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER**



**YALE UNIVERSITY  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**May 11, 1917**

**Dear Sirs:**

I beg that you will accept my cordial congratulation to the House of Harper on the century of existence which it has completed, and an assurance of continued good will for the century that is to follow.

**Very sincerely,**

**ARTHUR T. HADLEY**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

NEW YORK

25th June, 1917

Gentlemen:

I have received from Harpers the announcement of their Centennial Year, and I appreciate with a full heart their friendly greetings. My first contribution to Harpers' publications was made in 1891, and since then our association has been most constant and sympathetic. Courtesy, consideration and understanding have marked their attitude toward me, and it has been the great pride of my literary life that my work has found a home in Harpers' Magazine and has carried Harpers' imprint. Over long years I have had intensely cordial relations with Henry Mills Alden whose apprehending and friendly mind and high gift of literary prescience were most helpful to me; and those happy conditions have been continued with the succession to his immense activity and control.

The House of Harper has played a great part in the literary, educational and national history of this country, and the people of the many states of the Union owe it a debt beyond all counting. However, uprightness, energy and enterprise have been ever present in their material affairs and one can drink the cup of congratulation with no reserve. They have given home to a great congregation of authors and in the forward march to recognition their name has been powerful and persuasive. May they go on for another hundred years!

Yours Sincerely,

GILBERT PARKER

NEW YORK

October 4th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York City

Dear Sirs:

I am taking the occasion of the announcement of your hundredth anniversary to extend to you my heartiest good wishes and to hope that the house of Harper & Brothers will prosper in equal measure for the next hundred years.

My experience as a book writer, extending over a period of about ten years, has been very pleasant, but the pleasantest memory, by far, that I retain is the memory of my association with the house of Harper & Brothers. I am sure that my experience is only typical of that of other authors, and that their best wishes are quite as hearty and sincere as mine.

Faithfully yours,

REX BEACH

**COTTAGE POINT  
LACKAWAXEN, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Harper & Brothers,  
New York City**

**June 10, 1917**

**Gentlemen and dear Friends:**

Your Centennial card made a very personal appeal to me. Ever since I was a boy I have known the great House of Harper. When I left college to abandon my profession and answer to an irresistible call to write I dared to aspire to Harper & Brothers. And several times during those dark years of early effort I climbed the old iron stairs on Franklin Square with unquenchable hope, only to stumble down again with dim eyes. But the House stood there, old and solid, like its reputation; and I had a way of going back.

It is something splendid to feel my fortunes will be linked with the House of Harper—with the history of those founders and successors and great writers who made the name first of publishers; and of those keen modern men who have kept the fame and increased the business, and who will make Harper & Brothers the greatest publishing company in the world.

It is something splendid for me to call them friends, and to assure them that if I live I will meet my great obligation by some day working to a place in literature where I shall be indispensable to them and to their house. With me that is an earnest and inflexible ambition.

Gentlemen, my congratulations, my best wishes, my hopes, my sincere assurance, and my faithful service!

Truly yours,

**ZANE GREY**

1 BERKELEY STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 15th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers

Dear Sirs:

In thanking you for your beautiful Centennial card of greetings I beg to offer my sincere congratulations to the House on its completion of so long and splendid a record. In this changing America it is given to very few institutions of any kind to survive a hundred years, especially when the impulse of life is as vigorous in the hundredth as it was in the first. I am old enough to look back over nearly a half of the period, and to note how much of my own mental development has been connected with Harper's Magazine, of which I have been an unremitting reader ever since I have been able to read anything. Well do I remember the yearnings and the longings I used to have to appear in its pages, though with no great confidence that so heavenly a bliss could ever be mine. I think it was about the time "The Laodicean" was coming out, which must have been in the very late seventies, that this "Sehnsucht" on my part took the form of a definite ambition. Not that it seemed like one that could be realized even then, but there it was. Proud as I am of having worked it out I am bound to admit that I could never have done it without the kindness and encouragement of the present members of the House.

To the present members of the House I should like to offer my humble tribute of admiration and gratitude. They are worthy successors to those who have gone before. I like to think that my connection with them has been so largely on terms of real friendship, and that with the signing of our present contract it will probably go on for as many years as I shall write. We have had our little discussions from time to time, but even they have been, as I heard a speaker at a public meeting say a short time ago, not enough to impair friendship but only to make you nervous. In any case my feeling with regard to the House is of the warmest and most loyal. As to my own position within its hospitable fold I can only feel as they must do who are admitted to the lowlier seats in Paradise—it is a great deal to be within the pearly gates at all.

With renewed congratulations, and every wish that we may all be present at the next Centennial in 2017, believe me, dear sirs

Yours faithfully

BASIL KING

1817



1917

## THE INSIGNIA

BY

KATE LANGLEY BOSHER

*Hands uphold and Light aloft!  
Clear the meaning and the message,  
Shining, gleaming, urging onward,  
Steady flaming—swift upleaping.  
Of triumphant, splendid dreaming  
Did it presage.*

*Through the years hands ever higher!  
Through the years Light ever widening.  
Shining clearer with the blowing  
Of the varying winds of fortune,  
Dauntless, it retained its dreaming,  
Yielding nothing!*

*Through the hundred years of striving  
Never has the Light been lowered.  
Never dimmed, the path of honor  
Ne'er was shadowed by its fading.  
Staunchly, bravely, hands upheld it,  
Faith empowered.*

*Clean strong hands to hold the Light,  
Clear white Light for future following,  
Is the creed of coming years,  
Is the goal for which is striving.  
Then, unflinching, can be faced  
Fortune's flaunting.*



267 West 73d Street,  
New York, May 11, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York

Dear Sirs:

I have just received the announcement of your entrance upon your Centennial Year. Let me extend to you my cordial congratulations. I desire to do this because of long and valued associations. One of my pleasantest early recollections is the regular reception and reading of Harper's Magazine. Another is the enjoyment derived from the perusal of the large descriptive catalogue which you published containing much biographical and critical matter. As a boy, I knew its contents from cover to cover.

Believe me to be, with best wishes for your future prosperity,

Very faithfully yours,

JOHN BASSETT MOORE

**THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
NEW YORK**

**25 May, 1917**

Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn extends to Messrs Harper & Brothers in their centennial year his warm felicitations and cordial greetings. He recalls the many great services to literature rendered by Messrs. Harper Brothers and trusts that their broadening and elevating influence may extend far into the future.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Mr. Finley wishes to express his appreciation upon the receipt of the announcement of the Centennial Anniversary of Messrs. Harper & Brothers and the friendly message which it conveys. He takes this occasion to extend best wishes for continued prosperity.

**Albany, N. Y.,**

**May tenth, 1917**

**RUPERT HUGHES**  
**148 STATE STREET**  
**ALBANY, N. Y.**

Rupert Hughes begs to acknowledge with thanks the greetings of Messrs. Harper & Brothers on the occasion of their hundredth anniversary, and to congratulate them on not only attaining the century mark, but of deserving to reach it, and many more. From his experience of their energy and courtesy and intelligence and cooperation with their authors, he feels safe in saying that never during the past hundred years have the destinies of the house been in better hands. He is proud to be numbered among the fortunate few permitted to dwell in the house of Harper, and is endeavoring by good behavior and humble demeanor to keep his chair at the fireside.

Torquay, England,  
28 May, 1917

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge your communication received to-day and to add my heartiest congratulations to the chorus that must now be sounding in your ears. May the cooperation and friendly relations that have for a century obtained between your great firm and the authors of this country continue so to obtain through the generations to come; and may we some day have the national intelligence to support a magazine like "Harpers," still so pre-eminently ahead of anything we can show in this country.

I wish you all good upon your Centennial Anniversary and may the time to come, when, side by side, our nations have defeated the powers of the pit, see your relations with us extended and an ever increasing amity obtaining between Harper & Brothers and the writers of this Empire.

I am cordially yours,

EDEN PHILLPOTTS

**WELLESLEY COLLEGE  
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**May 14, 1917**

Miss Katharine Lee Bates presents her congratulations to Messrs. Harper & Brothers upon their century of high achievement, and wishes them unbroken prosperity for a hundred centuries more.

**YALE UNIVERSITY  
NEW HAVEN**

**May 11, 1917**

Professor William Lyon Phelps desires to express his congratulations to Harper & Brothers on their centennial, and to say, in addition, that the long record of this publishing house, with its high ideals, has been an immense credit to America.

**WM. LYON PHELPS**

**May 11, 1917**

**Congratulations and every good wish to Harper  
& Brothers from**

**C. D. GIBSON**

211 BAY STATE ROAD, BOSTON

May 10, 1917

Mr. Robert Grant congratulates Messrs. Harper & Brothers on their Centennial Anniversary, and, reciprocating their cordial greetings, wishes them another hundred years of leadership.

11 Pinckney Street, Boston

Dear Harper's Magazine:

I thank you for the anniversary announcement. Harper's has been a power and a delight. (I have a complete set from the beginning, and I read it with never-failing joy.) Long life to it!

Always most cordially yours,

ALICE BROWN

May 13th

Hearty congratulations to Messrs. Harper & Brothers and best wishes for another "century run"!

ELEANOR H. PORTER

Cambridge

May 11th, 1917

EMERSON HOUGH  
2042 CONT'L & COM'L NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
CHICAGO

May 12, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.

Gentlemen:

Let me, as an unimportant member of your family of authors, but one very proud to be even such a member, felicitate you very heartily on your one hundredth birthday, with the wish that you may have many happy returns through many happy and prosperous centuries. A name such as yours is one which ought to live forever in the history of letters.

Do you know, although I have always known Harper & Brothers to be a very old house, it never occurred to me that you really dated back to 1817. Fine! Is that not the longest life of all the American publishing houses?

With every good wish, and thanking you for your card of remembrance, I am,

Yours faithfully,

EMERSON HOUGH

WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION  
381 FOURTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

EDITORIAL ROOMS

June Thirteenth,  
Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen

Gentlemen:

No, I haven't congratulated Harper & Brothers on their hundredth birthday—you have me there—though their birthday card has been kept in a conspicuous place at the end of my desk just to remind me to do so. I'm sorry I didn't practice what I preach, but here are congratulations, heartfelt because I'm almost as old myself.

And let me congratulate the magazine on its return to the dear old cover. I was brought up on it. Why don't you stick to it? Have a little courage and get out of this mad rush among American magazines to get a new cover every month, most of them bad. . . . I'm getting old; this sounds just like the hollow echo of age. However, I do love that old cover, and I do know that a great many magazine covers are pretty bad, including our own, which I work valiantly to get.

When my house burns away I'll remember your kind words. I have one now, too, up in Westchester County, and a war garden of an acre.

With additional congratulations for the House of Harper—I'm proud to be one of the shingles—or perhaps I'm only a knot hole—I remain,

Sincerely yours,

HAYDEN CARRUTH



**DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM**

**BISHOP'S HOUSE  
SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA.**

**May 10, '17**

**Messrs Harper & Brothers:**

**Gentlemen:**

I beg to acknowledge the cordial greetings of your excellent firm just received as you enter upon your centennial year. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the many courtesies extended to me in the past and to wish you an abundance of prosperity and continued usefulness for the years to come. With grateful appreciation, believe me, gentlemen,

**Very Faithfully Yours,**

**ETHELBERT TALBOT**

Closter, N. J., May 11th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers

Gentlemen:

In acknowledging the receipt of your announcement of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper, I wish to congratulate you upon the three generations of service which, under the honored name of that great house, has been rendered to the American public. There is no memory of my early days that I cherish more warmly than that of the intellectual stimulus which I received from the admirable volumes of "Harper's Family Library" and "Harper's District School Library," which were worth more to me than all my school studies, and whose impression was so deep that yet to-day the sight of one of those old books is to me like catching a view of a lost but never forgotten landmark. Recalling my boyish veneration for the name of Harper, it is no small source of pride for me to-day that I am able to read it on the title page of some of my own books. Wishing for you another hundred years of prosperity and achievement, I am

Sincerely yours,

GARRETT P. SERVISS

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA  
THE COLLEGE**

**May 14th, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York.**

**My dear Sirs:**

**Allow me to add my word of sincere congratulation to the firm of Harper & Brothers now entering so auspiciously upon its Centennial.**

**Very truly yours,**

**FELIX E. SCHELLING**

THE DELINEATOR  
BUTTERICK BUILDING  
NEW YORK

May 10, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Bros.  
Franklin Square, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I wish to congratulate you upon this hundredth anniversary of your long and honorable career. Though I never have had the pleasure of appearing in your publications, I never the less, in common with all other Americans, have long loved and honored your fine old firm.

My father, who is the son of a Methodist circuit rider of Southern Ohio, tells this story: When he was ten years old, a man was building a house on a hill on the Ohio River. He hired my father to work for him and all summer long father with the old white horse, Dick, hauled sand and stone from the bottom of the hill to the top, for which the man gave him a five-dollar note. It was a rusty red color, father

says, on the Green National Bank of West Virginia. My grandfather, as was then the custom, cut the note in two and sent one-half of it to Harper & Brothers, as a subscription to Harper's Weekly, promising that the other half would follow in a later mail. My father somewhere had seen a copy of the Weekly which was then running, he says, "The Cloister and the Hearth." He was frantic to finish the story. Weeks went by and the Harper's Weekly did not appear. Grandfather finally wrote to New York and was told that the second half of the note had never appeared, but that Harper & Brothers were sending the magazine anyhow, and in due course of time the back numbers of "The Cloister and the Hearth" appeared. He says that every one in the village and for miles around, turn about, borrowed the magazine after he had finished with it.

It is anecdotes such as these that endear your firm to the American public.

Very sincerely,

HONORÉ WILLISIE  
Editor

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.

Gentlemen:

Returning from an absence I find here your charming Centennial greeting, for which I heartily thank you. Do you mind my mentioning first the pleasure that it is to be on your list, to have one of these pleasant mementoes? I think well of myself because of it. But let me say that chiefly the delight is to have this House—which I have always known as I know a person—emerge now with this new proof of personality, and speak like a friend.

Since I remember reading at all, I remember Harper's Magazine—and to have read there a few times something that I had written myself added, for me, may I modestly say, to the picture. All my life in one way and another, then, this publishing house has given me pleasure—and I count it deep grace to exchange this greeting.

A happy birthday! Another century! and more . . .

Faithfully yours,

ZONA GALE

Portage, Wisconsin

June 16, 1917

9 WEBSTER PLACE  
EAST ORANGE, N. J.

Mrs. Edith Barnard Delano offers her most sincere felicitations to Messrs. Harper & Brothers on the occasion of their entering upon their Centennial Year. To all having to do with the profession of authorship the high standard maintained by the House of Harper and its magazine is a goal and an inspiration, and its cordiality and the knowledge of its integrity a reward.

May, 1917

**JEWISH DAILY FORWARD  
FORWARD BUILDING**

New York, June 14, 1917

**Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

Gentlemen:

I heartily congratulate the firm of Harper & Brothers upon the completion of a century of phenomenal service in the field of letters.

The history of American literature is intimately associated with the history of Harper & Brothers, who have stood sponsor to and fostered a great many of the foremost talents in the realm of literary art not only at home but also in England.

Speaking of our own time, I find my three great favorites in modern American literature, William Dean Howells, Mark Twain and Margaret Deland in the Harpers' catalogue. This in itself would be enough to entitle the firm to immortality.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**ABRAHAM CAHAN**



ELLIS PARKER BUTLER  
242 STATE STREET  
FLUSHING, N. Y.

My dear House of Harper:

I don't see how you ever got to be 100 years old without publishing one of my books, but miracles seem to be happening all the time.

I can only hope that you will continue such a clean, honest and just existence in the future that 100 years from now you will be 200 years old, if not more.

Of course, if you had published one of my books you would be 208 years old by now (or feel that old, anyway—or be dead)—but you can go right ahead and feel the satisfaction that comes from knowing that the good die young.

Congratulations!

ELLIS PARKER BUTLER

OAK LANE P. O.  
PHILADELPHIA

May 14, '17

Mr. Harrison S. Morris offers his sincere and overflowing congratulations to the House of Harper & Brothers upon attaining the mature age of

One Hundred Years!

and he hopes that the usefulness and cultivation of American ideals and taste which the Messrs. Harper have always cherished may sustain its venerable but still young life to the consummation of

Another Century.

May 11, 1917

Here, dear Messrs. Harper & Brothers, are the sincere felicitations of one of your "Old Guard." That a publishing house can exist for a round century in the aura of honor and distinction which has always enveloped yours is to the immeasurable credit, not only of itself, but of Literature in the great sense wherewith you have fostered it.

I count it a distinguished honor to be one of the authors you have helped up the difficult sides of Parnassus.

May you see another century—and then others and others still!

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN LUTHER LONG

Ogunquit, Maine,  
May 18, 1917

Mr. John Kendrick Bangs thanks Messrs. Harper & Brothers for their Centennial Greeting, and begs in return not only to congratulate them upon their mellowed years, but to wish them a thousand years more of health, prosperity and that spiritual effectiveness for which their honored name has ever stood.

Richmond, Indiana, June 20, 1917

Harper & Brothers

Dear Sirs:

Most hearty congratulations upon this achievement of a centennial year!

When one has reached a hundred, reminiscence becomes a joyous thing!

As the first numbers of Harper's New Monthly Magazine were issued—I did not receive them personally—a bookish family carefully set them where they became the most interesting shelf in the library.

One day—never mind the date—I climbed on a chair and took out a bound volume and discovered Mrs. Boffin just as she discovered an orphan.

What could be more charming to the child I then was than that orphan and Sloppy and the Doll's Dressmaker?

Don't tell me it was a back number! Nothing can ever be a back number which opens the gates to good literature as that magazine did to me. Nearly all copies since then and many of the still older ones have given me my best mental pleasure—but when Vol. 29 falls open of its own accord and my hand caresses page 874 there is the reason why I have been all my reading life Harper's

Truly loving friend,

JOHNSTON GROSVENOR

The Brunswick,  
Boston, Massachusetts,

May 10th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers

Messieurs:

The centenary of the distinguished Publishing House of Messrs. Harper & Brothers is an event of national interest and a notable landmark in literary history. In a very unusual manner your House has stood, unfailingly, for the best moral and intellectual development of the century its work covers, and your important publications represent to a remarkable degree the finest inflorescence of the genius and the ability of that period. The books, comprising almost every department of human knowledge, and the Magazine bearing your honored name, have been an incalculable power for the enlightenment, the culture, and the joy of life in our own and in many other countries.

Let me thank you for the privilege of being permitted to be among those who will gladly avail themselves of the privilege of presenting personal congratulations and personal gratitude for your influence and work, with confident hope that your success and your contribution to all that makes for the best of life may long continue.

Faithfully yours,

LILIAN WHITING

**WILBUR D. NESBIT**  
**104 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE**  
**CHICAGO**

**May 14th, 1917**

**Harper & Brothers**  
**New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

**Accept my sincerest and heartiest  
congratulations on the fact that Harper & Brothers  
is entering upon its Centennial Year.**

**The age of such a power for good in the literary  
world and of such a positive force in the actual better-  
ment of the people cannot be measured in years. It  
is as eternal as the universe itself.**

**Cordially yours,**

**WILBUR D. NESBIT**

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
NEW YORK**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

**Dear Sirs:**

Many thanks for the good wishes contained in your Centennial Anniversary announcement. I sincerely trust the next century of the existence of your publishing house will be filled with as many great achievements as has the first, and that you will be able to contribute as much to the next century as you have to the past.

**Very sincerely,**

**BURDETTE G. LEWIS**  
Commissioner

**May tenth  
Nineteen seventeen**



A. J. DITTENHOEFER  
NEW YORK

May 14, 1917

Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Gentlemen:

It gives me much pleasure to congratulate you on your centennial anniversary. The house of Harper & Brothers has from its very start stood in the publishing world for everything that is noble and fine in literature, and has maintained without a blemish during these one hundred years its high reputation.

With sincere wishes for the continuance of your successful career, I am

Yours sincerely,

A. J. DITTENHOEFER

785 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Annie Nathan Meyer thanks the House of Harper for the very cordial greeting extended to her on the happy occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the House, and hopes that unfailing prosperity will be brought by future years and an opportunity even richer than ever in the service of American Letters.

May 16, 1917

ONE HUNDRED AND TWO  
EAST FIFTY-SECOND STREET

Marjorie Benton Cooke wishes to express her appreciation of the Centennial greeting of Messrs. Harper & Brothers, and to offer her most cordial congratulations to the House of Harper, which has been associated with all that is best and most distinguished in American letters during these hundred years.

May Sixteenth

Messrs Harper & Brothers  
New York.

Gentlemen:

Please let me congratulate you upon having attained your Centennial, and give you my sincere wishes for your continued honor and prosperity. I look upon the House of Harper as a very old friend, for you published my first book and five others, and although I have strayed away from you of late years my feeling for you is just as cordial as it ever was, and I am glad and proud to be numbered among your authors.

With best wishes and congratulations,

Sincerely yours,

ELLEN DOUGLAS DELAND

24 Court Street,  
Dedham, Mass.

May 12, 1917.

RAYMOND SPEARS  
LITTLE FALLS, N. Y.

May 11, '17

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I need not say with what interest I received your Centennial greeting. Perhaps I can do no better than tell you of an incident that I heard of during my gathering of material for writing.

At the Caney Fork of the Cumberland River, about 1880, a father of the name of Myer gave his sons money for the purchase of books, and at intervals these youths sent to Harper & Brothers for "a package of books." The two boys read in one of these books that pearls were found in shells, and there were many mussel shells in the Cumberland and its tributaries. One day a man found a "little trick" in one of these shells, and the boys bought it; immediately, fishermen and loungers began to search for these "tricks," and the boys purchased several ounces of them. They paid fifty cents, up to \$5.00 for the pearl pieces.

Then one of the boys rode on horseback out to Nashville to sell their treasure. They had paid \$105 for the finds, and the young salesman thought he must be victim of sharp practice when only \$2.50 was offered for the vial full.

The boys were persistent; they saw their mistake, but began the study of pearls from that chance hint they read in a Harper book. They learned the essentials of a pearl of price, and through their work developed the Cumberland pearl fisheries, which were the first of commercial importance in American fresh-water mussel fishing. Fifteen or eighteen years later one of the boys had made such use of his studies that he was a dealer in American fresh-water pearls and baroques, and he is to-day perhaps the longest in the business of buying these beautiful gems from American streams.

The incident was so striking that it instantly occurred to me on receiving your friendly greetings.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND S. SPEARS

P. S. H—— M——, New York City, is the pearl buyer to whom I referred in the letter which this sheet accompanies.

ANCHORAGE, KENTUCKY

May 16th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.

Dear Sirs:

I have pleasure in acknowledging your cordial greeting to me as an American author, and in offering my sincere and heartfelt felicitations on this occasion of your centenary.

May I add that I was brought up on the Harper traditions? That Harper's Monthly, Weekly, Bazar, and Young People—shall I ever forget the joys afforded through "Mr. Stubbs's Brother"?—were a recognized and habitual part of the family life. It is rather pleasant to recall that I first read Dickens, Eliot, etc., not from the volumes on the family shelves, but from the old bound Harper's found on a dusty and forgotten shelf. That I knew Hardy first through the current Monthly, etc., etc.

I enter into these personalities through a curiously belated realization of how far Harper & Brothers have been significantly a part of the mental life of America.

With appreciation of your compliment in including me in your day of celebration, and with hearty good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE MADDEN MARTIN

Miss Jeannette Marks acknowledges with pleasure the cordial greetings of Messrs. Harper & Brothers on their One Hundredth Anniversary. May the successful and generous activities of the House of Harper continue for many hundreds of years to come!

May 30, 1917

Philip Curtiss offers to Messrs. Harper & Brothers his most sincere congratulations on their attainment of a centennial year and assures them that their appreciation of pleasant association is most heartily reciprocated.

Norfolk, Connecticut

May eleventh, nineteen seventeen

**HENRY WALLACE PHILLIPS  
158 EAST 88TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

I wish to thank you for the greetings so kindly sent me on the occasion of your one hundredth anniversary.

May you have at least a hundred years more to represent all that is honorable in business and all that is fine in literature.

I am glad to have been a part of this long record of probity and ability, even though my part was so small.

With most sincere good wishes,

Very sincerely,

**H. W. PHILLIPS**

**May 20, '17**



Jamaica Plains,

May 13, 1917

Miss Caroline Ticknor wishes to thank Messrs. Harper & Brothers for their kind card of greeting, and to extend to them her most sincere congratulations on their completion of a century of successful publishing.

As a member of a family that has for three generations been associated with the publishing business, she can truly appreciate the meaning of such a notable record, and as one who stands upon their list of authors, she is glad to have an opportunity to express her gratitude for all past courtesies.

**THE LANDMARKS CLUB**

**Los Angeles, Cal.**

**May 14th, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square  
New York City, New York.**

**Gentlemen:**

I acknowledge with most grateful regard the receipt of your message at the beginning of your Centennial Year; and while my work as an author is a very trivial part, my feeling as an author is what I trust and believe your major contributors feel toward you.

It has been a privilege to have even minor dealings with a house of your character in scholarship, in courtesy and in business.

And I sincerely hope that the House of Harper will celebrate another Centennial—though that will hardly be the privilege of us who celebrate the first one.

With high regard and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

**CHAS. F. LUMMIS.**

418 West 118th Street, N. Y.

11th May, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers:

Honored and dear Sirs:

It is with, perhaps, more than a general average of pleasure and interest that I acknowledge and thank you for the beautiful expressions of good feeling you send me on the centennial of your House.

That "House" of Harper & Brothers has been a tradition in my family on both sides, for it published in 1837 my great-grandfather (on the distaff-side), Matthew Livingston Davis's, "Life of Burr," and in 1843 "The Motley Book" by my father's much older brother, Cornelius Mathews.

By and by a little girl came along and as soon as she knew how to handle a pen it began to write fiction. Fiction went to Harper's Bazar under a nom de plume, and later on Mr. Alden accepted the first of the "Chinese Stories" that have traveled around the world.

The uniform and beneficent courtesy, the kindness, and the splendid hospitality of the House, as witnessed by the wonderful and impressive functions in honor of Mr. Alden's and Mr. Howells' birthdays, are marked with red letters and capitals in the memory, and sealed with the gratitude of one of the least of the scribblers—

FRANCES AYMAR MATHEWS

Washington, D. C.

Messrs. Harper & Brothers

Gentlemen:

Although my name is a new and inconspicuous one on the list of those who are fortunate enough to call you their publishers, may I extend to you my sincere and hearty congratulations on this your Centennial Year.

Very cordially yours,

ABBIE PHILLIPS WALKER

The Dresden

May the twelfth, 1917

5491 Hyde Park Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.,

May 15, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.

Gentlemen:

In acknowledging receipt of your Centennial announcement I beg to offer you hearty congratulations and the best of wishes for the future. In these days of changing conditions and impermanent business association it is not given to many to reach a centennial, much less to reach it in all the freshness and vigor of youth. That your house may reach a second centennial in some period of the world's age more advanced in all that leads to human uplifting and more resolute in maintaining justice and fraternal relations than the present is the cordial wish of

Sincerely yours,

GEO. P. UPTON

WILLIAM T. ELLIS  
SWARTHMORE, PA.

May Twenty-two,  
Nineteen Seventeen

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Gentlemen:

As one of the undistinguished writers who have always held in high esteem the house of Harper & Brothers may I enter my congratulations upon the centennial which you so graciously recognized by the Card to Authors?

I am about to leave for the Orient and the Caucasus, and then for Europe; and naturally I have hopes of some good work. All I can say is that the firm of Harper & Brothers will have the first chance at any book I have to offer.

With sincere esteem, and the best of wishes for the next century, I am

Respectfully yours,

W. T. ELLIS

FENWAY STATION P. O. BOX 32  
BOSTON

May 11th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have your card announcing the centennial year of your firm, and offering cordial greetings to the authors of to-day.

Your announcement points to a great achievement, and I offer you my sincerest congratulations. Though my share in contributing to the publications of your house has been slight, it has nevertheless been valued, and I am indebted to you for much good reading and many helpful hours.

May the past be a prophecy of your future.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. McCRACKAN

158 WEST 81ST STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

May 10th, 1917

Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.

Mr. Channing Pollock desires to thank Messrs. Harper & Brothers for their card of greeting, and to congratulate them upon their one hundredth anniversary. Mr. Pollock rejoices in the co-operation and friendly relations between authors and the House of Harper, and feels that the attitude of this house affords a fine example of the possible amity and accord that may exist between authors and their publishers.



CARNEGIE MUSEUM  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, U. S. A.

May 11, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I desire with thanks to acknowledge the cordial greetings which upon the occasion of the Centennial of the founding of your firm you have so kindly extended to me, as well as to many other authors.

When I was a boy living in a little manse in Ohio one of the joyously anticipated events of the month was the arrival of "Harper's Magazine" and later of "Harper's Weekly." I vividly recall that lying on a rug before the fire I read Abbott's "Life of Napoleon." Since then years of study and of travel have scarcely served to transform the hero of the story from a deity into a mere superman. I fondly recall the writings and illustrations of "Porte Crayon," whom long afterwards I learned to know personally. "Harper's Drawer" furnished me with a supply of "chestnuts," which I still find useful in after-dinner speeches. I remember, though I have not seen it for sixty years, an illustration in the "Weekly" showing Sepoys tied to the mouths of cannons, there to expiate

their disloyalty by being blown to death. How it made my flesh creep! Then came in the "Weekly" the pictures, which I can still see, of the stirring events which preceded the outbreak of the Civil War, and then (for the family had removed to North Carolina) I recall the aching void which I felt when the "Monthly" and the "Weekly" ceased to come any longer to the home, for armies and fleets stood in the way.

My early education was in part derived from "Harper's Monthly" and from "Harper's Weekly"; and I desire to express, in return for your kind greetings, the sense of gratitude which I, as well as no doubt thousands of other Americans, owe to your firm, which in the day of comparatively "small things" made good literature accessible to the people.

I am very sincerely yours,

W. J. HOLLAND

Director Carnegie Museum,

Late Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh.

**THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE  
PITTSBURGH, PA.**

Mr. Samuel Harden Church begs to present his compliments to Messrs. Harper & Brothers, and to congratulate them upon the achievement of a century of productive and progressive work in the department of letters. Mr. Church hopes that the new century which is just opening will bring additional renown to Messrs. Harper & Brothers by reason of their continued development of the very best literature.

May eleventh  
Nineteen hundred seventeen

## THE WORLD

New York, May 12, 1917

Mr. Don C. Seitz has received with great pleasure the announcement of the Centennial year of Messrs. Harper & Brothers.

He knows of no business enterprise in the history of the United States which has contributed so much to the general welfare of its citizens, to the intellectual and moral life of the country, and, above all, to sound literature and writing.

He personally feels the greatest indebtedness to the House of Harper. In his early youth books were scarce, and the old files of the Magazine and Weekly were to him the best form of entertainment and instruction. He has had the good fortune to live to see with his own eyes many of the things described and illustrated in these publications, and to know the fullness of the joy thereof.

May the House have another century as honorable, as noble and as valuable as that just passed.

**THE BEECHES  
PEWEE VALLEY, KY.**

**May 23, 1917**

**Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.**

**Dear Sirs:**

It is with great pleasure I acknowledge your anniversary greeting. For half a century I have almost claimed kinship with the House of Harper, so intimate has been my intercourse with your output and so deep my enjoyment of your contributions to our library table and shelves. Really it was your rose-garlanded infants on the cover of the *Monthly Magazine* which first led me into the realm of letters. They stood for so much in my childhood that now they seem symbolical of what a grateful public should be to you—showering congratulations and hearty assurances of appreciation, pleasant reminiscences of all you have been to us in the past, hopeful prophecies of all you will continue to be in the future.

It is with deep personal appreciation of the House of Harper and real affection for an institution that stands for so much among us that I write my "Godspeed" and wishes for many happy returns of the day.

**Sincerely,**

**ANNIE FELLOWS JOHNSTON**

**MILWAUKEE DOWNER COLLEGE  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

**May twenty-five, 1917**

**President Sabin and Milwaukee Downer College congratulate Messrs. Harper & Brothers upon its one hundred years of service, which has consistently advanced the ideals and character of the people of our country, and to offer good wishes for the continuance of the power and will further to carry on its splendid work.**

New York, May 9, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square.

Gentlemen:

I have received your centennial card expressing friendly regards and best wishes for the authors of to-day. I want to say in reply that it has been given to few houses, as it has been to that of Harper, to complete a century of unbroken honor, and I trust that it will have a second century completed in the same manner.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH A. ALTSHELER

New York, May 17, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your card at hand announcing your centennial year.

I thank you for remembering me, and certainly hope that the coming hundred years of your publishing concern will be a large success.

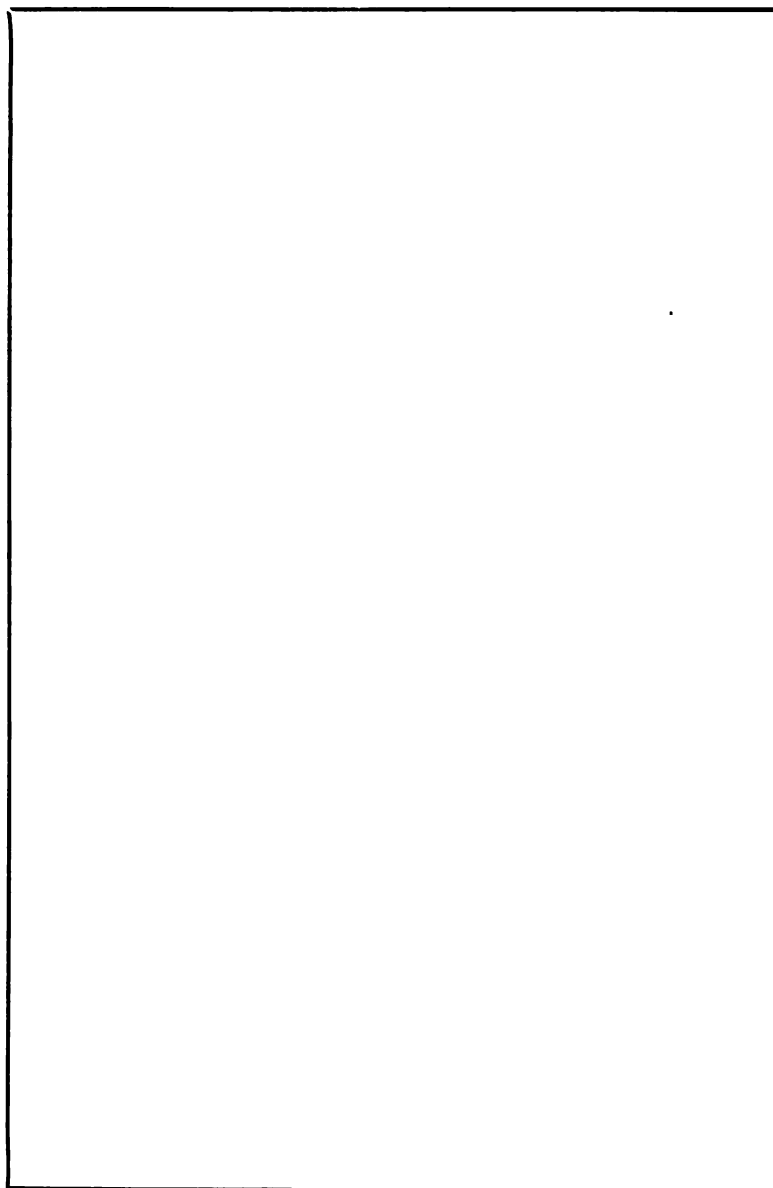
Yours truly,

EDWARD STRATEMEYER

**PART III**

**Letters from Publishers**





G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS  
2 WEST 45TH STREET  
NEW YORK

November 23, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, City.

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in recalling, through your friendly word of greeting, that your historic publishing House has now completed the first centenary of its existence. This constitutes for our young Republic a real antiquity. The service of the House to literature and to men of letters on the one hand and to American students and readers on the other has continued over a period covering two-thirds of the life of the Republic. Philosophers have maintained that the real thing, the thing that persists, is not the material but the ideal. Generations of men pass away, but ideas and ideals are handed down from generation to generation. It is the makers of books, publishers, who have since the invention of printing had in their hands the responsibility for handing down from generation to generation in concrete form the thoughts of writers, greater or smaller. The publishers may claim with justice that in preserving and distributing thought they have served as a factor in the maintenance and in the development of civilization.

The House of Harper is in point of age the veteran among American publishers, and it has during its century of life held its place in the first group of the publishing concerns working for the higher intellectual interests of the country.

The publishers have emphasized the importance for the development of international relations of the widest possible distribution of literature throughout the world. It is the belief to-day of many of us that there should be in the nearest possible future a close alliance of the English-speaking peoples, peoples who possess the same ideas of government, who have held to the same ideals for the service of humanity, who have so much in common in law, in customs, in sympathy and in literature.

The work of giving to each people trustworthy information regarding the other, of making known across the Atlantic the personality of Englishmen on the one side and of Americans on the other, is enormously furthered by the exchange of authors. It was the idea of my father, the late George P. Putnam, who was, I think, the first American publisher to invade England, that the publishers on both sides could be of very great service in the work of bringing the two peoples together.

The House of Harper, in the management for American readers of the works of English authors and in its service to American authors and to English readers in placing American books on the other side of the Atlantic, has done its part in this all important work.

With the hope that its prosperity and activities may be continued and developed through the twentieth century, I am

Yours very truly,

GEO. HAVEN PUTNAM

**HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY**  
**4 PARK STREET, BOSTON**

**May 24, '17**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers**

**Gentlemen:**

May I in behalf of our House, which does not find its beginnings so far back as your own, but still has a lively sense of increasing age, extend my heartiest greetings at the opening of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

**HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CO.**  
**GEORGE H. MIFFLIN**  
President

**CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS**  
**PUBLISHERS**  
**FIFTH AVENUE AT 48TH STREET**  
**NEW YORK**

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons are very glad to find in Messrs. Harper & Brothers' announcement to authors of their Centennial Anniversary the opportunity to express their sincere congratulations and good wishes. No one can better appreciate than their fellow-publishers the importance of the record and accomplishment which their hundredth birthday celebrates.

December 4, 1917

**E. P. DUTTON & COMPANY**  
**681 FIFTH AVENUE**

New York, May 3, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Gentlemen:

We thank you for the good-will and graciousness expressed in your kindly greetings, as conveyed to us on this Centennial Anniversary of the House of Harper.

We extend to you our cordial good wishes, and the earnest hope that the house of Harper & Brothers may be a beacon light to the American people during the coming hundred years.

With all good wishes, and our appreciation of many courtesies extended to us by Harper & Brothers, we are,

Faithfully yours,

**E. P. DUTTON & CO.**

**JOHN MACRAE**  
Vice-President

**THE CENTURY CO.  
353 FOURTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK**

**April twenty-seven, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

**Pray accept our sincere felicitations  
on the opening of the Centennial Year of the House  
of Harper and our best wishes for a continuation and  
increase of the success and prosperity which have so  
deservedly come to you.**

**Very cordially,**

**W. MORGAN SHUSTER  
President**

**GINN & COMPANY  
THE ATHENAEUM PRESS  
29 BEACON STREET  
BOSTON**

Messrs. Ginn & Company acknowledge with pleasure the greetings and regards extended by Messrs. Harper & Brothers at the opening of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper, and take this opportunity to express their high appreciation of the distinguished service rendered by this house in establishing and maintaining those high standards that should be the chief satisfaction of all worthy publishers.

**Boston, Massachusetts, May the ninth**



**J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY  
PUBLISHERS  
PHILADELPHIA**

**April 28, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

**Allow us to present our congratulations to you upon the opening of your Centennial Year, and we extend our best wishes for your continued prosperity.**

**Respectfully,**

**J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY**

**J. BERTRAM LIPPINCOTT  
President**

**FREDERICK A. STOKES COMPANY**  
**PUBLISHERS**  
**443-449 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK**

April 27, 1917

Dear Messrs. Harper:

Permit me to offer my hearty congratulations on the Centennial of your House, with my best wishes for great prosperity for you in the future.

Yours sincerely

**FREDERICK A. STOKES**

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

MACMILLAN & CO. LTD.  
ST. MARTIN'S STREET,  
LONDON, W. C. 2

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York, U. S. A.

Dear Sirs:

We have received your card of greeting conveying the announcement of the opening of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper, and we have great pleasure in reciprocating your greetings, and offering to you our congratulations and good wishes for the second century of your career.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

MACMILLAN & CO. LTD.

**LONGMANS, GREEN & CO.  
39 PATERNOSTER ROW  
LONDON, E. C. 4**

**May 14, 1917**

**Gentlemen:**

We have received your card announcing that Messrs. Harper & Brothers are this year entering upon their second century of business life. We should like to be allowed to send you our best congratulations on this event, and to express our hope that the coming years may be full of success and prosperity to the House of Harper & Brothers.

We remain, gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

**LONGMANS, GREEN & CO.**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York, U. S. A.**

**HODDER & STOUGHTON  
ST. PAUL'S HOUSE  
WARWICK SQUARE**

London, E. C. 4, 14th May, '17

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.**

**Dear Sirs:**

We are gratified by the receipt of your fraternal greetings, which we most heartily reciprocate. The House of Harper is famous, not only on account of its Centennial age, but because it has always stood—and long may it continue to stand—for the best publishing ideals and the high aims of literature. We congratulate you and greet you.

Yours sincerely,

**HODDER & STOUGHTON**

CHATTO AND WINDUS  
111 ST. MARTIN'S LANE  
LONDON  
W. C. 2.

May Sixteenth  
Nineteen Seventeen

Dear Sirs:

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your card conveying your greetings at the opening of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper; and we heartily congratulate you upon maintaining your traditions throughout this long period with such a degree of distinction.

The kind and good wishes you express for our continued prosperity are very highly appreciated by

Yours very faithfully,

CHATTO AND WINDUS

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York, U. S. A.

**J. M. DENT & SONS, LTD.  
ALDINE HOUSE  
COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, W. C. 2.**

**14th May, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City, U.-S. A.**

**Dear Sirs:**

**I have to congratulate you most  
heartily upon entering your Centennial Year. I only  
hope that for many generations your name will still  
stand for all that is good in the publishing of books.**

**My most sincere good wishes and hearty con-  
gratulations.**

**Sincerely yours,**

**J. M. DENT**

SAMPSON LOW, MARSTON & CO., LTD.  
OVERY HOUSE  
100 SOUTHWARK STREET  
LONDON, S.E.

May 15th, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York, U. S. A.

Dear Sirs:

1817—1917

The Directors of this old established publishing house, established in 1787 by Sampson Low the First, Poland Street, Oxford Street, tender their hearty congratulations and greetings to the celebrated house of Harper upon entering their centennial year, and trust that its star of prosperity may never be dimmed. May it also be a happy omen that the opening year of their centenary is distinguished by the entry of the great country which they represent into the great universal war on the side of truth, righteousness, justice and freedom.

Faithfully yours,

SAMPSON LOW, MARSTON & CO., LTD.  
W. TYRRELL  
FRED. J. RYMER

Managing Directors



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE ASSOCIATION  
78 EAST WASHINGTON STREET  
CHICAGO

May 1, 1917

Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the American Library Association I have great pleasure in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes to your house on the occasion of your hundredth anniversary, with the sincere hope that your success in the coming years may fully equal and even exceed that of the past.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. B. UTLEY  
Secretary

1140 Broadway  
New York

Grosset & Dunlap extend their felicitations and congratulations to the House of Harper upon its achievement of an honored and honorable Centenary, and it is their sincere hope that the Torch may continue to burn with undimmed and undiminished flame for many years to come, and that the Outstretched Hand of the Future may ever be as clean and worthy as those of the Present and Past.

New York City  
May twenty-fifth  
Nineteen hundred and seventeen

GEORGE W. JACOBS  
1628 CHESTNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

Messrs. George W. Jacobs & Company wish to extend their congratulations to Messrs. Harper & Brothers upon the Centennial Year of the House of Harper and cordially reciprocate their good wishes for continued prosperity.

YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

May 2nd, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I have the honor of acknowledging on behalf of the Yale University Press the receipt of the announcement of the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of your firm and to extend to you, on behalf of our organization and the University whose name it bears, best wishes for the continued success of the House of Harper. At the same time I would express our warm appreciation of your good wishes for our Press which has yet to celebrate its tenth anniversary.

With high regard, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE PARMLEY DAY  
President

**COLLIER'S  
THE NATIONAL WEEKLY  
P. F. COLLIER & SON, INCORPORATED  
WEST THIRTEENTH STREET, NEW YORK**

**May 2nd, 1917**

**Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

Please accept our felicitations on this occasion of your hundredth anniversary. For a business institution to have attained this ripe age is no small achievement in itself, but to have reached it by slow degrees and steady progress as you have done testifies more eloquently to your solidity than can be expressed in words.

The foundation of your building must have gone to rock in the beginning and we sincerely hope it will be all enduring and able to withstand future shock to which publishers now seem liable.

Be assured you have our sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

**J. G. JARRETT**

**SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN  
MUNN & CO., INCORPORATED  
WOOLWORTH BUILDING  
NEW YORK**

**April 27, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

Allow me to congratulate you upon arriving at the period of centenarians. What a splendid record your house has had. Certainly it is a wonderful record for a business in this country to have been continued for so long a time.

We have passed the limit of our second majority of threescore years and ten, but we are, after all, only young people as compared with your good selves.

**Yours very sincerely,**

**CHARLES A. MUNN**

THE NEW  
REPUBLIC  
421 WEST 21ST STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

May 12, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I wish to offer you my warmest congratulations and best greetings on the anniversary which you are now celebrating. It must be a high privilege to be associated with a house that has played so big a rôle in American thought and literature. I can best express my feeling by saying that as a member of one of the youngest enterprises in the country I wish you a longer future than your past.

Very sincerely yours,

WALTER LIPPMANN

**SIR ISAAC PITMAN & SONS, LTD.  
PUBLISHERS  
1, AMEN CORNER, LONDON, E.C. 4**

**14th May, 1917**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.**

**Gentlemen:**

**Please permit me to thank you very sincerely for your message and to offer you, on my own behalf and on behalf of my Directors, our most sincere good wishes on the attainment of the Centennial Year of your House, and to express the hope that the best of good fortune and the utmost prosperity may be yours in the future.**

**Very sincerely yours,**

**J. HYNES  
Manager**

**LIBRAIRIE HACHETTE & CIE**  
**79, BOULEVARD SAINT-GERMAIN, 79**

**Paris, le 12 Mai, 1917**

**Messieurs Harper & Brothers**  
**Éditeurs**  
**Franklin Square**  
**New York (États Unis)**

**Messieurs:**

Nous avons reçu votre carte, nous annonçant la célébration du Centenaire de Votre Maison, et nous nous empressons de vous adresser, en cette heureuse circonstance, nos très cordiales félicitations, avec tous nos meilleurs voeux pour le renouvellement d'une longue prospérité.

Veuillez agréer, Messieurs, l'assurance de nos meilleurs sentiments.

**WM. HELM**



**LIBRAIRIE LAROUSSE**  
**MOREAU, AUGÉ, GILLON ET CIE, ÉDITEURS-IMPRIMEURS**  
**13-17, RUE MONTFARNASSE, PARIS (6e).**

16 Mai, 1917

Messieurs:

Nous avons l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre carte nous faisant part de la centième année d'existence de votre honorable Maison et nous adressant, à cette occasion, vos bons souhaits de prospérité.

Nous vous en remercions très vivement et à notre tour adressons nos félicitations et nos meilleurs vœux à votre Maison connue et estimée à l'égal des meilleures sur notre continent.

Nous sommes particulièrement sensibles à votre aimable souvenir au moment où la Communauté des aspirations nationales et une prochaine confraternité d'armes sur les champs de batailles resserreront les liens qui unissent la France à la grande République sœur d'Amérique.

Veuillez agréer, Messieurs, l'expression de nos sentiments les plus cordiaux.

**MOREAU, AUGÉ, GILLON ET CIE.**

Messieurs Harper & Brothers,  
Éditeurs,  
New York.

**VILHELM TRYDE**  
**BOG- OG KUNSTHANDEL**

Kjobenhavn K, den 18 June, 1917

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers**  
**Publishers**  
**Franklin Square, New York.**

Gentlemen:

Mr. Vilhelm Tryde begs to thank  
Messrs. Harper & Brothers for their kind greetings on  
the occasion of the Centennial Jubilee and to express to  
the firm his most sincere wishes for its prosperity in  
the coming 100 years.

**Vivant, crescant, floreant Harper & Brothers!**

**VILHELM TRYDE**

**IMPRIMERIE ET LIBRAIRIE  
BERGER-LEVRAULT**

Fondée à Strasbourg en 1676

Paris, le 11 Mai, 1917

**Messieurs Harpers Brothers  
Franklin Square, à New-York.**

**Messieurs, et Chers Confrères.**

Nous vous remercions de votre communication et notre Maison, fondée à Strasbourg en 1676 et qui compte y rentrer prochainement à la suite de nos Armées victorieuses, est heureuse de vous offrir, à l'occasion de votre centenaire, tous ses vœux de prospérité.

**Veillez agréer, Messieurs et Cher Confrères,  
l'expression de nos sentiments distingués.**

**T. P. FERRIER**

**ULRICO HOEPLI**  
**MILANO**

Ulrico Hoepli, publisher in Milan, thanks Messrs. Harper & Brothers for the kind announcement of the Centennial year of their House, and sends them his best congratulations and wishes for their continued prosperity.

Milan, May 25th, 1917

Barcelona, 30 de Mayo, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City, U. S. A.  
Dear Sirs:

I duly received your card with greetings for the opening of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper, for which attention I thank you very much, wishing you an endless era of prosperity in your business as heretofore.

Yours very truly,

**P. SALVAT**  
**Pr. AUDRAY SALVAT**

**“LIBRERIA DEL COLEGIO”  
CASA ESTABLECIDA EN 1830**

**Buenos Aires, 28 de Mayo, de 1917**

**Señores Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York, U. S. A.**

**Muy señores nuestros:**

Oportunamente hemos sido favorecidos por su atenta tarjeta saludándonos con motivo del primer centenario de esa Casa.

Agradecemos mucho y muy sinceramente esta cortesía a la par que les felicitamos por el acontecimiento que la motiva, retribuyéndoles sus congratulaciones y celebrando se haya presentado esta ocasión que nos permite el placer de ofrecernos a sus órdenes.

**atentos y SS. SS.**

**CABAUT Y CIA.**

ROBERT M. McBRIDE & COMPANY  
PUBLISHERS  
31 UNION SQUARE NORTH  
NEW YORK

April 28, 1917

Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.

Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure to receive your greeting on the occasion of your Centenary. A hundred years of continuous service and the maintenance of a prestige that has attended the house of Harper from the beginning is no mean achievement. To have been the publishers for so many distinguished authors and to have had so conspicuous a place in the history of American letters is a record of which you may be justly proud.

And so we extend to you our heartiest congratulations. May the succeeding years see a continuance of your ideals and may you have prosperity in abundant measure.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT M. McBRIDE & COMPANY  
ROBERT M. McBRIDE  
President

**B. W. HUEBSCH  
PUBLISHER  
225 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK**

**Mr. Huebsch offers congratulations to the publishing trade as well as to Messrs. Harper & Brothers upon their contribution to the American culture of the last one hundred years. He has been stimulated and instructed by the story of the founders of the House, as told in the volume containing its history, and he employs this occasion to express the hope that the ideals of the early Harpers may be perpetuated by the present management.**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York.**

**PAUL ELDER BOOKROOMS  
TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE GRANT AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO**

**May Second, Nineteen Seventeen**

**Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.**

**Gentlemen:**

**Please accept our heartiest congratulations on your Centennial Anniversary.**

**With sincere wishes for your continued prosperity and growth, we remain**

**Very truly yours,**

**PAUL ELDER & COMPANY**

**By PAUL ELDER  
President**



EDWARD J. CLODE  
PUBLISHER AND IMPORTER  
156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April Twenty-seventh, 1917

Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square  
New York City, New York.

Gentlemen:

I acknowledge and thank you for your announcement of the opening of the Centennial Year of the House of Harper. Your good wishes are highly appreciated.

I sincerely hope that the House of Harper will continue to shed its light prosperously upon the Publishing World for many a long year to come.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. CLODE

**THE PAGE COMPANY  
PUBLISHERS  
53 BEACON STREET  
BOSTON**

The Page Company is in receipt of the announcement that the House of Harper has entered into the one hundredth year since its foundation, and desires to convey its heartiest felicitations to Messrs. Harper & Brothers. The Page Company would be very much gratified if, at the end of its one hundredth year—it has just passed its twenty-fifth anniversary—it could have behind it the same measure of honorable achievement which has marked the record of the House of Harper.

**THE PAGE COMPANY**

By **LOUIS C. PAGE**  
President

To Messrs. Harper & Brothers,  
Franklin Square,  
New York City,  
April 27, 1917

AMERICA  
A CATHOLIC REVIEW OF THE WEEK  
55-59 EAST 83RD STREET  
NEW YORK

April 28

To Messrs. Harper & Brothers  
Franklin Square, New York City.

Harper & Brothers

Many thanks for your cordial centenary greetings to the America Press. May the House of Harper have many more centuries of prosperity.

Yours sincerely,

THE AMERICA PRESS  
Per LITERARY EDITOR

MOFFAT, YARD & COMPANY  
PUBLISHERS  
116-120 WEST THIRTY SECOND STREET  
NEW YORK

Messrs. Moffat, Yard & Company have received the Anniversary greeting of Messrs. Harper & Brothers and beg to extend to Messrs. Harper & Brothers their best wishes for the future prosperity of the house.

**LEOPOLD HONORÉ**

**Bien sincères remerciements.**

**8, RUE DU DELTA, PARIS (IXe.)**

**PLON-NOURRIT & CIE.**

**IMPRIMEURS-ÉDITEURS**

**Avec leurs vives félicitations.**

**8, RUE GARANCIÈRE**

**W. A. PETRI**

**With best compliments.**

**'s-GRAVENHAGE**

**C. M. VAN STOCKUM**

**With best compliments.**

**THE HAGUE**

**MAISON ALFRED MAME ET FILS**

**With sincere good wishes, best  
thanks and kindest regards.**

**COURS**

**FÉLIX ALCAN & R. LISBONNE**

**ÉDITEURS**

**Avec leurs meilleurs compliments  
et leurs souhaits pour la contin-  
uation de la prospérité de votre  
illustre maison.**

**108, Bd. ST.-GERMAIN (6<sup>e</sup>.)**

**PERRIN & CIE.**

**ÉDITEURS**

**Avec leurs meilleurs compliments  
et leurs plus vives félicitations.**

**35, QUAI DES GRANDS AUGUSTINS, PARIS VI<sup>e</sup>**



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